

Congress of the United States
U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Small Business
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NOTICE OF HYBRID HEARING

July 19, 2022

10:00 A.M., Zoom/ 2360 Rayburn House Office Building

TO: Members, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax, and Capital Access

FROM: Sharice Davids, Chairwoman

DATE: Tuesday, July 12, 2022

The Committee on Small Business Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax, and Capital Access will hold a hybrid hearing titled: “The SBA Office of International Trade and the STEP Program as Key Tools for Recovery and Expansion.” The hearing is scheduled to begin at **10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building**. Participating members can also join remotely via **Zoom**.

The hearing will review the Small Business Administration’s (SBA) State Trade Expansion Program (STEP). The Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 authorized the SBA to establish a three-year State Trade and Export Promotion pilot grant initiative to increase the number and value of small business exports. Later, through the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015, the SBA was directed to formerly establish the State Trade Enhancement Program (STEP) to provide grants to states to increase the number of exporting small businesses, particularly in States with a small number of small businesses exporting or proposals that would assist rural, women-owned, and socially or economically disadvantaged small businesses. This hearing will allow Members to hear the states’ and small business perspective on STEP and its effectiveness in providing exporting opportunities for small businesses.

A staff briefing will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, July 18, 2022 through Zoom.

If you or your staff have questions, please contact Alex Palmer-Sullivan, Senior Professional Staff Member for the Committee.